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The brief filed December 22, 2005 is in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37(c). The substance of the brief is the same as that filed July 5, 2005 and the Examiner's Answer of August 9, 2005 will stand.

A PTO-892 listing the translation of Itafuji et al, and the translation, is attached.



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